provision of voluntary testing and counselling, safe blood tranfusion services and prevention of occupational exposure.

- Providing financial assistance for opportunistic infections, home and community base care.
- Strengthening effectiveness and technical, managerial, financial sustainability at National, State and Municipal levels.
- Promoting collaboration amongst public, private and voluntary sector.

Assistance by Germany for Pulse Polio Programme

†3524. PROF. R.B.S. VARMA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any financial assistance was provided by Germany for Pulse Polio Programme during the last three years;

(b) if so, the details thereof, year-wise; and

(c) the amount allocated, out of this, to Gujarat, Rajasthan and Maharashtra for implementation of Pulse Polio Programme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The year-wise assistance provided by Germany to India for purchase of Oral Polio Vaccine for the Pulse Polio programme is as follows:—

Year	Assistance Received
1999-2000	Rs. 61.64 crores
2000-2001	—
2001-2002	—

Although an agreement for assistance of 20 million DM was entered into 2001-2002, the assistance has been deferred to 2002-03 due to availability of other funds for vaccine.

(c) The German assistance for the Pulse Polio Programme is received Centrally. The vaccine thereunder is procured by UNICEF and supplied to Government of India where it is pooled with other supplies. It is not possible to ascertain the exact source of funding for OPV supplies made to individual

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

States. However, the total value of supplies made to these States during 1999-2000 is indicated as under:—

(Rs. in crores)

State	GOI Supplies	UNICEF Supplies	Total
Gujarat	12.43	0.73	13.16
Maharashtra	24.23	1.43	25.66
Rajasthan	19.25	1.13	20.38

Use of US rejected medical device

3525. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned, "Medical Device rejected in US still used in India", which appeared in Hindustan Times dated the 8th March, 2002;

(b) if so, whether a Medical Device that has been recalled from US hospitals and proved to be dangerous one is used in hospitals in the country;

(c) if so, the reaction of Government on such Medical Device; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to ban the use of such Medical Device?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) to (d) Yes, Sir. It is true that Olympus America has withdrawn certain Bronchoscope models. These were distributed in several countries of the World. Bronchoscope models have been withdrawn due to presence of a bacteria that spread potential life threatening infection to patients. The source of the bacteria is believed to be a loose part of the Bronchoscope, which could act as a reservoir for bacteria.

The information about use of equipments in hospitals all over India is not Centrally maintained in the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare. Nevertheless, information regarding use of Bronchoscope in Central Government hospitals in Delhi/AIIMS has been collected. Out of the Bronchoscope used in those hospitals, the number of Olympus Bronchoscope is as follows:—

AIIMS-2, RML-1, Safdarjung-2, LHMC-Nil

The models being used in the above hospitals are not the ones, which have been recalled by the company. Attention of all the State Government/ Central Government Hospitals is being drawn to the recall of certain model of Olympus Bronchoscope.